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Col. Young agreed with Col. Bohnaker that the concept of psychological warfare was not fully understood, and was probably too narrowly defined, but he felt that the operation in the field had gotten off to a fairly good start at least in tactical operations. The field organization, while handicapped by lack of personnel and equipment, had nevertheless managed to do a pretty good job in its broadcasting and leaflet operations. He emphasized the need for better area planning, fuller interchange of intelligence between the field and Washington and sharper guidance based on a knowledge of actual conditions in the field.

Mr. Connors stressed the need for clear definition of the functions of USIS and the military, and suggested the need for a plan which would lay down clear-cut responsibilities.

After general discussion covering the whole range of psychological warfare operations in the field, and the problem posed by Chinese intervention, Mr. Barrett suggested the need for three lines of action:

1. A document should be prepared for transmission to the field containing major psychological objectives directed to Communist China, based on current approved assumptions.
2. A staff paper should be prepared by IFIS on the lessons drawn from Korea clarifying responsibilities and tasks.
3. To provide better coordination between the Voice of America and psychological warfare operations in the field, procedures should be worked out for fuller interchange of current intelligence, local themes, etc. between Washington and Tokyo. The daily telecon messages might be utilized for this purpose.

With regard to Item II on the agenda, Mr. Stone reported briefly on the IFIS staff paper "Analysis of Major Categories and Requirements for Psychological Warfare Planning." It was agreed that a special meeting would be held on Friday, November 17, at 4 p.m., with members of IFIS attending.

With regard to the proposed report on Give Away Radio Receivers, Mr. Barrett reported that an informal IFIS check-up showed that very little planning has been done by other agencies in this field. Neither the Service Departments nor ECA have done enough planning in this field to justify an interdepartmental report on this subject by IFIS. It is recommended, therefore, that the State Department report on plans for Give Away Radios, together with the study of the problem by [ ] group, be made the basis for further recommendations in this field. The State Department reports will be made available as they are completed.

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